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## IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A rotary damper comprising:  
a housing;  
[an] a fan-shaped oil chamber formed in the housing;  
a vane dividing said oil chamber into two chambers;  
a shaft rotatably fastened to said housing and fixed to a base part of the vane such that said vane extends only in one direction away from said base part; and  
a seal part provided on said base part [dividing] sealing in a fluid-tight manner between a bearing rotatably supporting said shaft on said housing and said two chambers, wherein:  
the oil chamber generates a damping force by passing operating oil between said two oil chambers when said vane oscillates; and  
said seal part [comprises] includes:  
a pair of washers sandwiched between an inner face of the housing of said two chambers and the base part; and  
a sealing member provided to at least portions of [3] three edges of said vane which seals in a fluid-tight manner between said vane and the inner face of said housing, said sealing member having ends [with the ends] facing said base part of said vane and contacting [edge peripheries] outer circumferential surfaces of said washers so as to seal in a fluid-tight manner therebetween.
2. (Cancelled)

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3. (Previously Presented) The rotary damper according to Claim I, wherein interconnected fitting grooves are formed in each part of said vane facing the inner face of said two chambers, and said sealing member is fitted and secured in said fitting grooves.
4. (Previously Presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 3, wherein the base part is located between said fitting grooves and said shaft.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) The rotary damper according to Claim I, wherein said sealing member comprises an elastic body, and the external dimension of a part in sliding contact with the inner face of said housing is larger than the dimension of the inner face of said housing.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) A rotary damper, comprising:  
a housing with a fan-shaped oil chamber;  
a shaft rotatably fastened to said housing and fixed to a base part of a vane,  
said vane extending away from said base part into said fan-shaped oil chamber to divide said fan-shaped oil chamber; and  
means for sealing among said shaft, said housing, and said vane, said sealing means including a sealing member mounted on a portion of said vane, said sealing member sealing between said vane and said housing, said sealing member having ends facing said shaft, said sealing means [also] further including a pair of washers mounted about said shaft in contact with said housing and extending into said oil chamber, said washers having [edge peripheries] outer circumferential surfaces, said ends of said sealing member contacting the [edge peripheries] outer circumferential surfaces of said

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washers to provide a seal among said washers, said housing and said vane.

9. (New) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member is formed in a U-shape.
10. (New) The rotary damper according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing member is formed in a U-shape.